Water scarcity in Vasant Vihar

580. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
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Will the Minister of URBAN' DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Residents block Vasant Vihar road" which appeared in the Asian Age, New Delhi, dated the 23rd June, 2002;

(b) if so, the reasons for not providing adequate drinking water to the residents of Vasant Vihar, New Delhi;

(c) whether the residents have been complaining against the severe water scarcity in Vasant Vihar over the last three years; and

(d) if so, the steps Government have taken or propose to take to improve the supply of drinking water in Vasant Vihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The CPWD undertakes the distribution of water supply to Central Government Housing Complex in Vasant Vihar from the bulk supply that it receives from the Delhi Jal Board and further supplemented by the ground water from the tubewells. The bulk water supplied by Delhi Jal Board is far below the requirement of about 900 KL per day. A number of tubewells have also become unserviceable due to lowering of ground water table.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) To meet the shortage of regular water supply, the CPWD is arranging water tankers from Delhi Jal Board and at times from private sources as and when required.

With a view to augment water supply in the South Delhi, Delhi Jal Board is also constructing 140 MGD capacity Water Treatment Plant at Sonia Vihar which scheduled to be completed by December, 2003;